

Public television center approved

By FRANK DELLINGER

During the last session of the legislature, a bill was passed that authorized the UNC Board of Governors to establish, operate and maintain a UNC center for public television. The center will provide research, development and production for public television to be broadcast through the UNC stations across the state.

The bill also appropriated \$100,000 for planning of the new center to be composed of 11 members appointed by the Board of Governors. "The bill only creates the idea of the center and the board," said George E. Bair, director of educational television for North Carolina. "The physical building may be four years away."

The Board of Governors also allocated over

\$700,000 for new operating expenses for the coming year. Bair outlined the three major areas to which the funds would be directed.

- To strengthen the capabilities of production of public-affairs programs which would be of interest to the people of North Carolina.

"This type of programming will be of special interest with the elections coming up," Bair said.

- While UNC-TV cannot compete with the quality of cultural affairs from such stations as public television in Boston, Bair said they will try to bring North Carolina cultural programs such as programs by the N.C. symphony, N.C. Choral Society and the N.C. Chamber Players to the viewing audience.

"North Carolina has much cultural talent to be proud of, and the public should be able to share in this treasure," Dr. Bair said.

- Another area that UNC public television wishes to expand on is general informative programs such as woodworking, help on consumer affairs and other programs for personal improvement.

"We will continue to research the aspects of higher education on public television," Bair said. "This research will be one of the main goals of the new center."

Festival growth concerns council

By SARAH WEST

"I enjoyed the crowds; I didn't see that many problems; and I liked the indecencies," councilman Robert Epting said at a Chapel Hill Town Council meeting last week.

Epting was referring to Apple Chill, Chapel Hill's traditional spring street fair. The council discussed various problems which arose during Apple Chill last spring and the best way to deal with the problems in the future. Epting's comment countered to council's general opinion that charges need to be made if the ever-increasing crowds attending both Apple Chill and Festifall—the autumn street fair—are not to get completely out of hand.

Eliminating outside commercial vendors and curbing alcohol consumption are the two main points of the council's resolution concerning the two celebrations.

The resolution originally recommended that the fairs be changed to dates when the University is not in session. This was apparently an effort to decrease the crowd; however, the recommendation was dropped from the resolution.

Councilman Gerry Cohen said that the Town Recreation Commission will be in charge of effecting the changes and monitoring the situation at Festifall.

The two celebrations began in 1972 primarily as street fairs featuring local craftsmen's displays of their work. As the fairs expanded to include more vendors, the crowds also grew. The increased attendance, which reached a peak of 25,000 last spring,

caused several problems including traffic jams, parking violations, excessive use of alcohol and drugs, and indecent behavior.

"Chapel Hill is a victim of its own success," said councilman Jonathan B. Howes. "We are conducting an event that has outgrown its space."

Howes said he felt Franklin Street was not designed for fairs and suggested the possibility of relocating the celebrations. Others feel, however, that it is Franklin Street which gives the fairs a special flavor.

"Chapel Hill has a priceless asset in Franklin Street," Epting said. "In fact, if the street was ever made into a mall, as has been suggested, that block would have a perpetual fair."

Most council members felt that the best way of dealing with the situation at present is to reduce the number of vendors by requiring that they be Orange County residents.

"The fair has become much more commercial over the past few years," Cohen said. "There were a lot of outside businesses selling food and other items last year—the crowd was so big you could hardly move."

"By reducing the number of booths, the streets will be less crowded," Cohen said. "Then too, with less things to see, people won't stay as long which will cut down on the crowd."

By requiring all craftsmen and vendors to be residents of Orange County, the council hopes to redirect the focus of the fairs and recapture the local flavor.

Cohen cited excessive alcohol consumption as another problem on which the council plans to crack down. "Drinking was a big problem last spring. People were bringing beer out from bars. A lot of bottles were dropped into the street and broken, creating a real hazard."



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Monday

A panel discussion on the role of nuclear power in North Carolina's future energy needs will be held at 8 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation on Pittsboro Street. Panel members are Hugh Wells of the N.C. Utilities Commission Public staff, Phil Lusk of the N.C. Coalition for Renewable Energy Sources, Henry Anderson of Duke Power Co. and Jim Overton of the Kudzu Alliance. Everyone is invited.

Tuesday

The Outing Club will have a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. in Battle Park. In case of rain, the dinner will be in the Union.

Wednesday

CHANGE, the Chapel Hill Anti-Nuclear Group Effort, will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Student Center on Henderson Street. Everyone is welcome.

Items of Interest

Woolen Gym Basket Room Notice: All students, faculty and staff must clear their baskets of all personal articles and turn in their basket ID cards no later than Wednesday. Any personal articles left in baskets after this date will be removed and discarded.

Registration for sorority rush will open Aug. 20 and will continue through Aug. 27. Sign up at the Panhellenic booth in the Union. First semester freshmen are eligible.

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